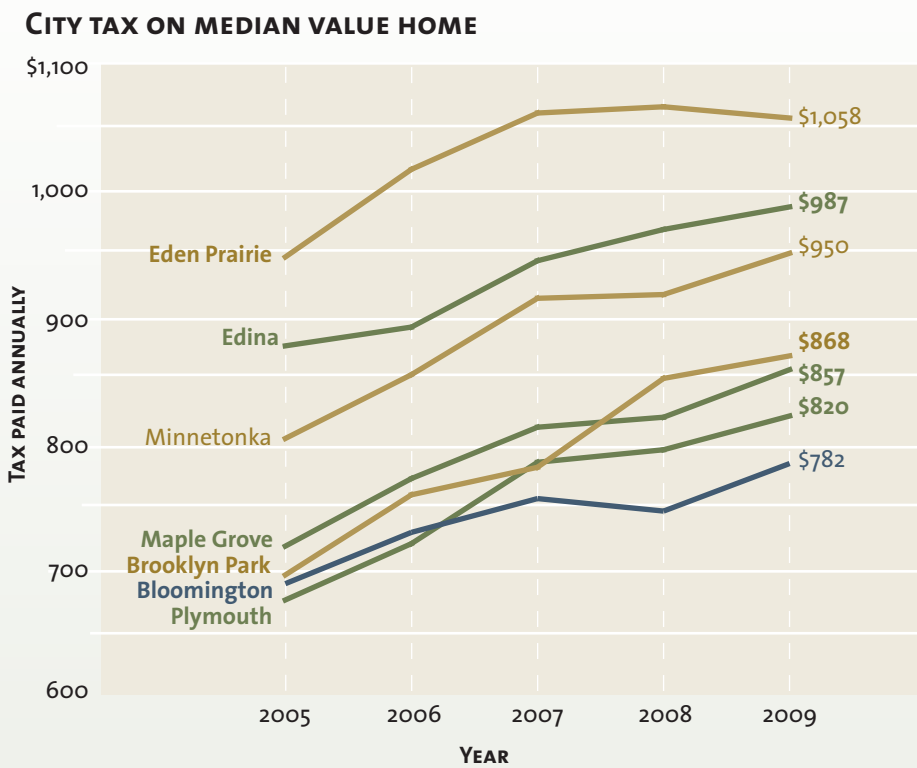


A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE CONTINUED...

The graph at right shows how the City of Bloomington compares with other Hennepin County communities for city tax on a median value home. The graph does not show an adjustment for property tax aids. Using the argument that state aids are also taxes, Bloomington’s taxes are even lower when compared to the cities on the graph. The newer communities either don’t have or are just starting infrastructure renewal programs while Bloomington has led the way by investing City resources to maintain street, sewer and water assets.

A public hearing on the tax levy and budget will be held Monday, December 7, at 6 p.m. We invite all Bloomington property owners to attend. For Bloomington, the overall proposed property taxes based on the preliminary levy for all local jurisdictions – cities, counties and school districts – shows an increase of 1 percent for a median value home of \$228,600. A commercial/industrial property that experienced an average value reduction has a slight decrease in tax of approximately 1 percent.

Various local jurisdictions will hold levy hearings in the coming weeks. The City’s preliminary levy was set at 2.98 percent in mid-September and roughly



equals the anticipated loss of Market Value Homestead Credit from the State of Minnesota. Like other cities, the City of Bloomington can either set the levy at the preliminary levy amount or reduce it. As noted on page three of this publication, we are proposing a decrease in the total amount of expenditures of the general fund that reflects no wage increases for the organization.

In addition, the City continues to work to hold expenditures in line with

revenues as we have for 2009, looking to finish the year with a \$1.7 million reduction in expenditures that reflect what we have lost in budgeted revenues due to the economic downturn.

The current City Council, as well as those who have served as Mayor and Councilmembers in the past, have created an impressive track record that clearly demonstrates success in being stewards for Bloomington’s future.

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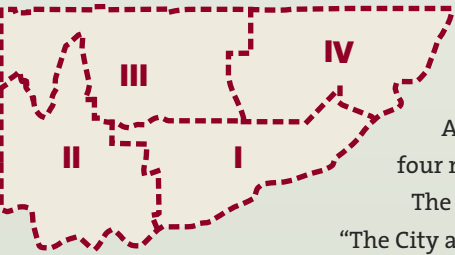
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NOVEMBER ELECTION RESULTS
NEW COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT II; NORDSTROM, PETERSON REELECTED



THE BLOOMINGTON CITY Council will see two familiar and one new face when it meets in January 2010. Thomas Hulting will replace Rod Axtell as City of Bloomington Councilmember for District II. Voters reelected Councilmember At Large Karen Nordstrom and Councilmember for District I Steve Peterson to serve for four more years on the City Council, beginning in 2010.

The November 3 General Election saw 8,676 ballots cast, according to City Clerk Tom Ferber. “The City appreciates Bloomington residents’ interest in their local government and for taking the time to exercise their right to vote on Election Day,” Ferber said.



COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I

Councilmember **Steve Peterson**, an independent computer software consultant and 46-year resident, has served on the Bloomington City Council since 2000. Peterson is an active member of the Joint Airport Zoning Board, Statewide Public Safety Radio Board, National League of Cities Information Technology and Communications Committee, Sensible Land Use Coalition, and a former Chair of the Bloomington Planning Commission.

COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT II

Longtime Bloomington resident **Thomas Hulting** has been elected to serve on the Bloomington City Council for District II. Hulting is a graduate of Bloomington High School and the University of Minnesota. He lives in Bloomington with his wife of 28 years and two sons, who are also University of Minnesota graduates. Hulting has spent most of his career selling computer systems to regional engineering, manufacturing and scientific communities.



COUNCILMEMBER, AT LARGE

Karen Nordstrom was first elected to Bloomington City Council in 2005. Since then she has been a strong advocate for health issues in Bloomington. Nordstrom is City Council representative for the Bloomington Sister City Organization. She is also an active member of the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee, the Medical Reserve Corps and the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families. Nordstrom is a graduate of St. Olaf College with a bachelor degree in nursing.

